

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** May 27, 2025

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 14

**SUBJECT:** Approve a budget amendment which increases appropriations and revenue by \$120,000 in the CSA 13 Alpine Mdws Swr/Wtr Budget (BU 0384) for the “CSA 13 Extraordinary Maintenance Project.”

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** District 5

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Rachelle Kaschke, Chief Fiscal Officer, (530) 225-5661

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Troy Bartolomei, Public Works Director

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
4/5 Vote	No General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a budget amendment which increases appropriations and revenue by \$120,000 in the CSA 13 Alpine Mdws Swr/Wtr Budget (BU 0384) for the “CSA 13 Extraordinary Maintenance Project” (Project).

### **DISCUSSION**

Projects were budgeted in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget based upon the best available information. In the past several months the CSA 13 Alpine Meadows (CSA) sewer infrastructure has been plagued with maintenance issues including effluent pump failures and partial failure of the leach field. Due to these issues, the CSA received a Notice of Violation in April 2025, from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and is under order to make the necessary repairs and to further investigate the health and adequacy of the system. Further repairs are expected as the system is more fully investigated. The proposed budget amendment will provide for this work. Some mandated work is expected to be covered by grant funds.

The nonprofit Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) has undertaken a grant funded rate study for the CSA. Preliminary findings indicate that an increase in the CSA’s water and sewer rates is warranted to meet ongoing operational needs and to establish reserves for unanticipated expenses. Given the findings, a rate increase will be proposed to the CSA customers early in FY 2025-26 through the Proposition 218 process.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board may decline to approve the budget amendment. The CSA would not have enough budget authority to continue the Project work.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

The budget amendment has been reviewed by the Auditor-Controller. County Counsel has approved the recommendation as to form. The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no General Fund impact as a result of the recommended actions. Upon approval of the recommendation, sufficient appropriations will be available in the FY 2024-25 CSA 13 Alpine Meadows Sewer/Water Admin Budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1: Budget Amendment - CSA 13